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1. [] COMMENT: []

REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE CONDOR ORGANIZATION MET IN BUENOS AIRES 13-16 DECEMBER 1976 TO REVIEW PAST ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS. THE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS THE DISCUSSION AND PLANNING OF COORDINATED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST LEFTIST AND RADICAL GROUPS IN THE VARIOUS MEMBER COUNTRIES. OPERATION CONDOR IS A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT AMONG SECURITY SERVICES OF CHILE, ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, AND BRAZIL TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION.)

[] NOT AWARE OF ANY OPERATIONS BEING

RUN IN EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR EUROPE BY CONDOR COUNTRIES. []

[] SECURITY HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED AT THE OPERATIONS CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES AND COMPARTMENTATION INCREASED AFTER CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES FOUND OUT IN SEPTEMBER 1976 THAT THE FRENCH

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INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WAS AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE AND SOME OBJECTIVES OF
OPERATION CONDOR; THUS, [] NOT [] SURE ABOUT OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE,
ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS IN EITHER THE
U.S. OR EUROPE WAS NOT SURFACED AT THE MEETING HELD 13-16 DECEMBER.

[] REACTION TO THIS PARTICULAR BREACH OF SECURITY WAS
EXTREMELY HARSH IN ARGENTINA WHICH RESULTED IN THE FIRING OF THE THEN
DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE) AND
REPLACING [] WITH GENERAL CARLOS ENRIQUE ~~L A I D L A W~~, ^{Argentina} THE CURRENT
DIRECTOR. [] THE FOREGOING INCIDENT MADE CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES
REALIZE THAT THE OTHER INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE PROBABLY AWARE
OF THEIR ORGANIZATION AND, THEREFORE, EVERYTHING IS HANDLED ACCORDINGLY,
I.E., WITH A MAXIMUM OF CAUTION. [] COMMENT: GENERAL OTTO

~~P A L A D I N O~~ WAS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF SIDE. NO PREVIOUS
REPORTING INDICATES THAT HIS REPLACEMENT WAS A DISCIPLINARY MEASURE.)

3. CONCERNING CURRENT CONDOR OPERATIONS, []

[] THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON SUBVERSIVES AND TERRORISTS WAS
BEING CONDUCTED MOSTLY BILATERALLY BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF
MEMBER COUNTRIES. IN THE COVERT ACTION FIELD, [] BOTH
ARGENTINA AND CHILE WERE MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS

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MEDIA FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. [REDACTED] THE THRUST OF THESE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS WAS TWOFOLD: TO REFUTE CRITICISM LEVELLED AT THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS BY THE FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA AND INTERNATIONAL FORA AND TO INSTILL A NEW SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE IN THE POPULATION. [REDACTED] CHILE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED TWO FILMS ON "CHILE AFTER ALLENDE" WHICH IT WAS ASKING CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES TO SHOW ON TELEVISION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. TO DATE, ONLY URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA HAVE AGREED TO SHOW THEM. [REDACTED] PARAGUAY HAD ONLY MADE USE OF THE PRESS, THE DAILY NEWSPAPER "PATRIA" IN WHICH PROPAGANDA WAS PERIODICALLY INSERTED. [REDACTED] A REQUEST TO USE TELEVISION FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY HIS SUPERIORS AS WAS A REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY. [REDACTED] THE LATTER WOULD PROBABLY NEVER COME TO PASS BECAUSE FUNDS SIMPLY WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH AN UNDERTAKING.

4. LASTLY, [REDACTED] THE MEETING THAT WAS TO BE HELD IN ASUNCION IN MARCH 1977 ON "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TECHNIQUES AGAINST TERRORISTS AND LEFTIST EXTREMISTS" WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY OF ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY TO PARTICIPATE. [REDACTED]

BOTH COUNTRIES' INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE LATIN-AMERICAN
ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION HELD 28-30 MARCH, AS WELL AS IN THE
PREPARATION FOR THE 20 APRIL STATE VISIT OF ^{Argentina} ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
JORGE VIDELA TO PARAGUAY. [REDACTED] A NEW DATE FOR
THE NEXT CONDOR MEETING HAD NOT BEEN SET.

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1. IN LATE MARCH 1977 [REDACTED]

THE CONDOR ORGANIZATION IS

SUFFERING FROM A LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG MEMBERS WHICH HAS RE-
SULTED IN A LACK OF RESULTS AND ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF CONDOR. [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING POINTS JUSTIFYING HIS CRITICISM:

A. CONDOR HAS HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS BUT HAS ACCOMPLISHED
NOTHING, AS MEMBERS HAVE GENERALLY NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THE
PROPOSALS AGREED TO DURING THE MEETINGS. THE MEETINGS SERVE

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MERELY AS SOCIAL OCCASIONS;

B. MEETINGS OF CONDOR ARE CONSTANTLY BEING SCHEDULED AND SUB-
SEQUENTLY CANCELLED OR POSTPONED;

C. BASED ON A PROPOSAL AGREED TO BY ALL MEMBERS DURING A
CONDOR MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT OF  ASKED ALL MEMBERS TO
PROVIDE TRACES ON CERTAIN LEFTISTS. HOWEVER, NOT ONE CONDOR MEM-
BER RESPONDED TO THE REQUEST. THE  ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION
FROM ALL MEMBERS CONCERNING THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED
NATIONS AND ARGENTINA WAS THE ONLY MEMBER TO RESPOND;

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D. THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY OF CONDOR APPEARS TO BE ONLY THE
BI-LATERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN  AND ARGENTINA;

E. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE DEPARTMENT OF CONDOR IS THE
MOST ACTIVE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, THAT ACTIVITY IS

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